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| Thomas Markson, et al.   | Group Art Unit: 2157      |
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| For: VIRTUAL STORAGE LAYER APPROACH FOR<br>DYNAMICALLY ASSOCIATING COMPUTER<br>STORAGE WITH PROCESSING HOSTS |                           |

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claim Amendments and Remarks are presented on separate sheets as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2.
- Amendments to the Claims begin at page 4.
- Amendments to the Drawings begin at page 21.
- Remarks begin at page 23.
- An Appendix including an amended drawing figure is attached after page 49.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks after entry of the amendments.